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In re Application of:

REID et al.

For:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension-of-time, to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2001, from January 17, 2002 to March 17, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 in the amount of \$460.00, for payment of the fees due for a 3-month Extension of Time for a small entity applicant. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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